place by the Diwan to Pazayi and the calling of estimates what time has elapsed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—I cannot say the exact time. But it could not be more than 5 years.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar:—Is it the usual time taken to call for estimates when a work has to be carried out?

Mr. V. K Aravindaksha Menon:—This work has been placed before the Road Board and they were not able to recommend its construction because there were more pressing works and therefore this work had to be postponed till now.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar—Appointment as Comptroller of Accounts.

7. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar appointed as the Comptroller of Accounts;

(2) when will he be confirmed;

(3) what was his pay at the time of appointment;

(4) what is his present pay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(1) First from 19th Vrischigam 1107 to 10th Makaram 1107 and then from 23rd Edavam 1107 continuously.

(2) He has been confirmed.

(3) Rs. 230 as permanent Assistant Comptroller of Accounts.

(4) Rs. 570.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—During the last council I had sent these questions in another form. Then the Government wrote to me that those questions must be sent separately and not as subdivisions and that they will be answered consecutively. This time I had sent these questions as separate numbers and I had requested to answer them consecutively on the same day. Now here only two questions are answered. Unless the other questions are also answered I cannot ask supplementary questions. I want the permission of the Chair to ask supplementary questions on these as well when the other questions are answered.

Mr. President:—I am afraid that it is not possible to do so. It is for the Government to decide when and how to answer the questions. The Chair cannot interfere in a matter like this.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Government wrote to me that the questions must be sent separately and has promised that all those questions would be answered on the same day.

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Mr. President:—Do you mean the President? It will not be possible for me to allow an Hon'ble Member to postpone a question until the answers to a particular question is forthcoming. That will rather create confusion. You must make a distinction between the President and the Government. Generally speaking the Government cannot be held responsible for that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—But the practice here is when a member wants some questions to be answered consecutively they do it.

Mr. President:—Now that it has been brought to my notice by the Hon'ble Member I shall consider what we have to do in the matter.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Thank you, Sir. May I know when he was confirmed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—On the 1st of Karkidagom.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—May I know for how many days he held that confirmed post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Till he was transferred.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—May I know when he was transferred?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—On the 5th.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon—Appointment as the Commissioner of Police.

8. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon appointed as the Commissioner of Police;

(2) when was he confirmed?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—(1) On 3rd Chingam 1104.

(2) On 19th Edavam 1108.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Was he on probation these 4½ years?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— He was officiating.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Is there any other instance where a man was officiating for such a long period?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— May I know what is the object of making a person officiating or on probation?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— There is a distinction between an officiating officer and an officer on probation. When he is on probation he is subject to a certain amount of supervision over his work and only after the authority that appointed him

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